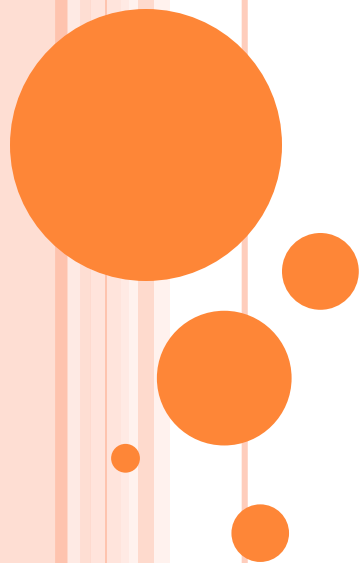




The Arc®

*Winnebago, Boone and
Ogle Counties*





Our Vision:

A Society For All;
Equal Access,
Equal Opportunity,
Empowerment

Our Mission:

We serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through support and advocacy.



SERVICES

- Home Based Support Program /Service Facilitation
- Guardianship Assistance
- Money Management
- Life Skills Classes
- Project Art
- Social Activities
- Advocacy
- Community Outreach



WHY A DISABILITY RESPONSE TEAM (DRT)?



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCERNS

- Unrecognized as having a disability
- Victimized at high rates
- Denied redress
- Denied due process
- Discriminated against in sentencing, confinement, and release
- Safety- Individuals with a diagnosis as well as 1st responders



CHALLENGES

Problems in Communicating

Limited Vocabulary

Speech Impairment (or may be afraid to talk)

Unable to read or write

May say what they believe others want to hear

Difficulty in understanding directions or answer questions

Behavior

Easily influenced by others or anxious to please others

Easily victimized

Easily frustrated due to not understanding others

Doesn't want their disability noticed

Difficulty making change, using telephone, telling time, giving accurate directions or other "Life Skills"



DISABILITY RESPONSE TEAM



- Formed through a grant from the NCCJD
- Provide a unified voice through the disability community for criminal justice reform throughout the country
- Identify and address opportunities for training, education and advocacy around structural systems change
- Provided Pathways to Justice training to 90 individuals- first responders, lawyers and social service providers



WHAT IS NCCJD?

- NCCJD® is a training & technical assistance center funded by Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- First national effort to address both victim/witness and suspect/offender issues at the same time
- National clearinghouse for information and training on people with disabilities in the criminal justice system (focus on I/DD)



Disability Response Team (DRT) *Hosted by Chapters of The Arc*

Criminal Justice
Professionals

Disability
Community

Law
Enforcement

Victim
Services
Providers

Legal
professionals

Family
advocates

Disability
advocates
(other than
The Arc)

Self-
advocates

The Disability Response Team is made up of local stakeholders wanting to make a change:

Jennifer Clifford, Associate Judge

Joel Givens, Rkfd Police Dept

Shauna Gustafson, Win Cty Public Defenders

Ronald Jackson, RAMP/self advocate

Shannon Kopp, Rkfd Fire Dept

Maureen Mustacci,

Rebecca Rankins, The Arc

Lisa Seger, Parent

Peter Del Pra, Win Cty Sherriff

Bob Vertiz, Rkfd Fire Dept



National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability®

Pathways to Justice® Conference

A comprehensive Training Program for Law Enforcement, Victim Service Providers and Attorneys on Intellectual, Developmental and Other Disabilities

Thursday, March 2, 2017
9am - 4pm
Prairie Street Brewhouse
200 Prairie Street
Rockford, IL 61107



The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability (NCCJD) is excited to offer the first-of-its kind training program—Pathways to Justice

This **FREE** conference will:

- Cover victim/witness and suspect/offender issues
- Address pervasive problems faced by criminal justice professionals
- Empower individuals, professionals and communities
- Reveal "hidden" disabilities and increase awareness of intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)
- Create site-specific, holistic solutions to complex challenges that occur when people with disabilities become involved in the criminal justice system

Under review for continuing legal education (CLE) and continuing education units (CEU) and continuing law enforcement training credit. We will notify all registered participants of specific credit details when they become available.

Lunch will be provided. RSVP is required as space is limited.

RSVP or for more information, contact Amy Newell or Pamela Scott:
(815) 965-3455 or amyn@arcwbo.org or pamelas@arcwbo.org

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PATHWAYS TO JUSTICE: PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

Module 1: Introduction to DRTs and the Pathways to Justice Training Program

Module 2: Disability Basics

Module 3: Law Enforcement

Module 4: Victim Service Providers

Module 5: Attorneys

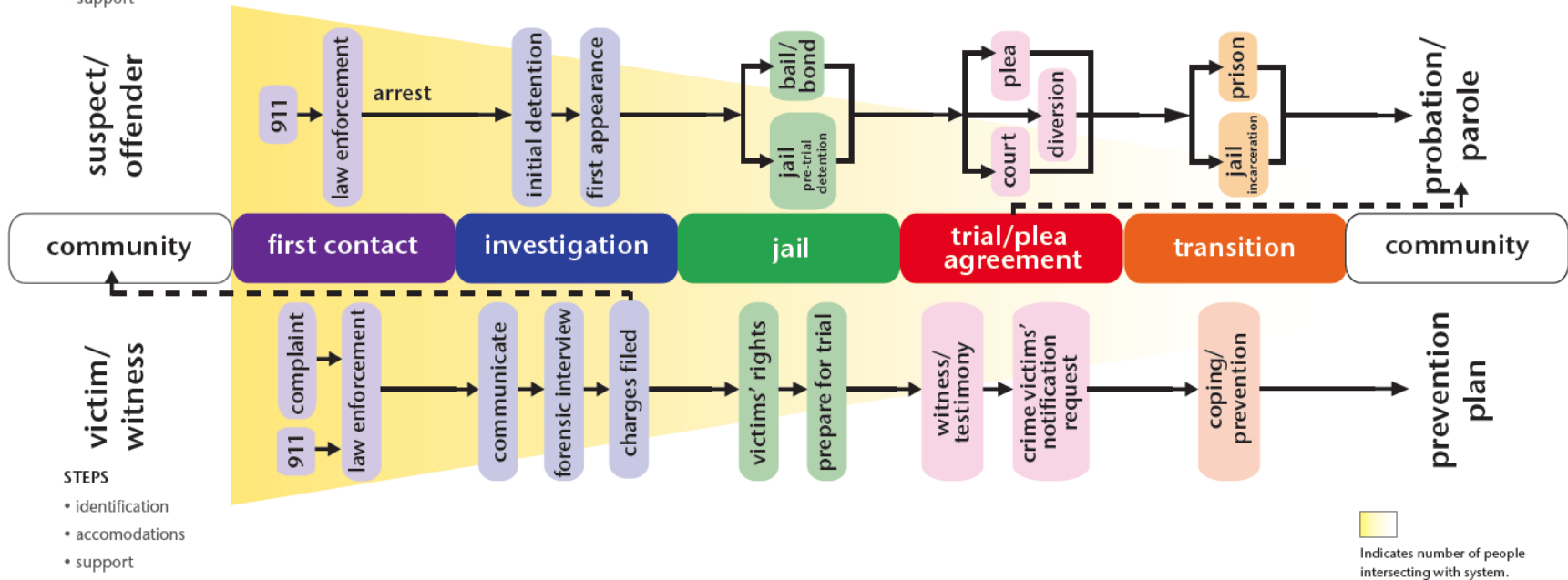
Module 6: Developing a PTJ Plan



Pathways to Justice™ Model

STEPS:

- identification
- accommodations
- support



This model is based on The Sequential Interceptor Model. SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation. (2013). Developing a comprehensive plan for behavioral health and criminal justice collaboration: The Sequential Intercept Model. Delmar, NY: Author.



OTHER TRAININGS DONE

- Chief's Breakfast
- State's Attorney's office
- Public Defender/Probation Department
- Emergency Room Staff
- Family Criminal Justice Training



RESOURCES

- Video- Up Against the Fence
- The Arc of the United States has a number of useful fact sheets with statistics and information. Here are a few:

Pathways to Justice: Get the Facts (4)

People with ID/D in the Criminal Justice
system: Victims and Suspects

Abuse of Children with ID

People with ID and Sexual Violence

Position Statements



SOME OF THE CASES WE HAVE RECEIVED CALLS ABOUT....

- Hiring a hit man
- Battery
- Helping get an OP against a grandparent
- Parent calling for help with their adult child with dual diagnosis with extensive contact with the criminal justice system
- Support for victim of abuse to report/work through system
- Child custody for individual with diagnosis against boyfriends family
- Shoplifting
- Sexual Crimes- both as victims and suspects



WHAT ELSE ARE WE LOOKING AT?

- Specialized court- for all disabilities not solely Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Training for police and fire- possibly during roll calls (taped and played); part of their CIT training; de-escalation; lower level approaching
- Pathways Training- again
- State's Attorneys and Public Defenders Training- again
- Criminal Justice Training- but aimed at individuals not parents/guardians





Questions?

You may also
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